

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 2011

DATE: 10/25/2011 TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Lakeside Sewer District Meeting Room; 253 Bierney Creek Rd.

NOTICED: County P&Z website Calendar of Events page; Lakeside Plan Committee's website Calendar Page, posters in Library and Post Office in Lakeside, submitted to DIL Daybook column.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order.
2. Sign-in sheet.
3. Approve Agenda.
4. Approve prior meeting minutes –
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from September 2011
5. Review/recommendations on any County applications in the Lakeside planning area (if any are scheduled)
 - a. None
6. Guest presentations or reports (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Lakeside Water Sewer District presentation – Rodney Olson
7. Sub-committee reports from any LCC authorized subcommittees (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. None
8. Procedural discussions or items (listed below, if any are scheduled)
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice-Chair
 - iii. Secretary
 - b. Clarification of Term for Janet Conroy's seat (3 years or just to next election) and process for election (May 2012). Expiring seats: Barb Miller, Keith Brown
 - c. Update on Blacktail Trail
9. Public Comment
10. Meeting adjourned

MEETING MINUTES:

Council Members attending: Barb Miller, Keith Brown, Craig Koontz, Mike Wilson, Janet Conroy

Council Members not attending: Gene Shellerud, David Fetveit

P&Z attendees: None

Public: Jim Clark, Muffie Thomson, Rodney Olson

MINUTES:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:pm.
2. Sign-in sheet passed.
3. Barb moved, Janet seconded and passed unanimously to approve agenda.
4. Janet moved, Keith seconded and passed unanimously to approve September meeting minutes. Later in the meeting, Jim Clark noted an error in 9.b.ii. (1) – there was no June meeting. A wording change was recommended: “(1) No meeting occurred in June due to lack of a quorum for the meeting.” The rest of

that item stays as written. Keith motioned, Craig seconded and passed unanimously to approve the September meeting minutes as amended.

5. No county business to consider.

6. Rodney Olson of the Lakeside County Water & Sewer District (LCWSD) was the invited guest speaker. He presented the information below.

- a. LCWSD is always trying to encourage hook-up to the sewer system. Some hook-ups, however, are not economically viable.
- b. LCWSD also pumps Somers sewage to the treatment center which is located north of Hwy 82 and east of Hwy 93.
- c. Sewage is treated with aeration & then in holding cells and finally is pumped and sprayed on fields which a farmer leases and grows alfalfa.
- d. The system is about 7.5 miles with lots of pumping and maintenance.
- e. The long range plan for the boundary of the system is the power line.
- f. Developers must pay for system changes & upgrades.
- g. There is still plenty of capacity – much of it is promised, but not yet used (economic slowdown) and some will expire. If a developer has approved plans, existing capacity can be used. Otherwise the developer pays to increase service.
- h. LCWSD also supplies potable water – no treatment is needed. Our water is very clean. There are 2 wells in Lakeside & there are plans to eventually connect them. Expansion is driven by development or homeowners. For example, LCWSD recently took over and fixed the Cherry Hill System. Mission View is currently in process to do the same. Then, LCWSD may connect those two systems.
- i. A question regarding the recent issue with Spurwing arose. LCWSD agreed to support the Spurwing subdivision with future help on upgrades from developer Lapp. Lapp wanted to add phases and Nash-Hunter wanted to add Spurwing Creek. Then Bear Mountain wanted to participate. Lapp now does not have the money. Lot owners pay hook-up fees which are built into the base fee and usage is metered and charged by usage. Expansion plans were revised so the impact of the assessment on property owners was reduced.
- j. LCWSD cannot impose tax, but can impose assessments.
- k. Accounting for water & sewer systems is separate, but loan/payback between the two is possible.
- l. For LCWSD to take over a system, residents must fund any improvements. The system must be “fixed” before LCWSD takes over managing it.
- m. Pharmaceuticals in water: Rodney didn’t know who is coordinating this issue locally. LCWSD does test for pharmaceuticals. Significant testing of the water has been performed over many years.
- n. Water rights are likely to be a big issue in the future. All should make sure your water rights are in order with clear ownership from person to person (“x” terminated water rights on “y” date and “z” assumed water rights on “y” date.)
- o. Jim Clark mentioned the filters installed in 2009 at Bills & Bierney Creek Roads and wanted to know how they were paid for or if there would be any tax or assessment associated with controlling storm water runoff. LCWSD is not responsible for storm water runoff. Tip Clark of the LCWSD Board of Directors volunteered to spend time to research this. A system of this type

would not be paid for by Lakeside sewer/water systems. It would have to be a separate district. The consensus is that there is much paperwork, etc. to be done and we should wait and watch what Bigfork is doing with their Storm Water Project and use them as a model. An alternative would be use of drainage fields and holding areas. A Bigfork consultant, paid by the county, is now looking at our side of the lake – he is gathering information. It could be years to a decade long project. There shouldn't be any surprises along the way, however, as many public hearings must be held as part of the process.

- p. Janet asked about a knowledge campaign for the public. Rodney indicated there was not such a campaign yet, but they are thinking of having a website. LCWSD wants to do more to keep the public informed.
- q. LCWSD has no control over septic systems. Pumper trucks take the sewage pumped from systems and dump it on farm fields – note there is no place to put it in the winter & spring. There are quantity restrictions but no restrictions on content. Pumpers & LCWSD are currently looking at constructing a treatment station at the existing treatment facility. Eventually the law will likely change so pumpers would have to use the treatment facility and testing of the contents could be done.
- r. Rodney passed out a table of rates & fees.

7. No sub-committee reports.

8. Procedural

a. Election of Officers:

- i. The Election Process (attached) was noted for anyone who wants to run for the two seats (Keith's & Barb's), expiring in May 2012. Keith indicated he might not run again in the May 2012 election; Barb indicated she would probably run for another term.
- ii. Chair: Barb nominated Keith to finish his term as Chair, Mike seconded; passed unanimously.
- iii. Vice-Chair: Keith nominated Mike for Vice Chair, Craig seconded; passed unanimously.
- iv. Secretary: Mike nominated Barb for Secretary, Keith seconded; passed unanimously.

b. Clarification of term for Janet: Council's By-Laws quote the statute. Keith talked to the Election Department. The Council is subject to fire district regulations, which state: if an appointment is made because not enough candidates file for an opening, that appointment is for the term (3 years starting June 2011 for this council seat). Janet indicated she will confirm with attorneys, so this is not final, but probably right.

c. Blacktail Trail: Muffie is on the Board of the Lakeside Community Development Foundation, which may end up as the local sponsor for this project. The local sponsor cannot be connected to the county and must be a non-profit (thus eliminating the Council and the Trails Committee as local sponsors). Muffie and Alex Hogle had a long conversation. The local match we must raise will be somewhere around \$50,000. The Foundation Board met to discuss this project – John Briggs, a Board member and also connected to YWAM International, thought perhaps much of the funding could be raised through YWAM. He is following up that possibility. The Foundation is not sure if they will take on the responsibilities of local sponsor. Additional discussions with YWAM (also a non-profit), need to take place before a decision is made.

9. Public comment:

- a. Jim Clark brought up the needed correction to September minutes (see item 4 above)
 - b. Janet would like more information on lake water quality. Mike indicated he could get someone to speak to the Council and will try to get a date. Janet will work with Christie Buffington on content for a presentation.
10. Barb motioned, Keith seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

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ELECTION PROCESS – LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS (including Lakeside Community Council)

On May 31, 2012, the terms of two members of the Lakeside Community Council will expire. These are elected positions in Flathead County, school district 29 (Somers-Lakeside) for a term of 3 years.

The Council represents the community of Lakeside with opportunities to review applications for development, subdivision, zoning, variances, etc., affecting our area. The Council makes recommendations to the County Planning Board and Board of Commissioners on these applications. Information on these applications and other planning area support is supplied to the Council by the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Department.

The Council is also accountable to facilitate communications within the community and with those who govern Lakeside infrastructures, such as the Sewer and Water Districts, Somers Rural Fire District, the Upper West Shore QRU, and the Lakeside school. The Council meets once per month on the last Tuesday of every month, at 7:00pm in the Lakeside Sewer District Building on Bierney Creek Road in Lakeside.

Council members are elected following processes as set forth in Montana state law and Flathead County Election Department procedures. The election is scheduled for early May each year (date for 2012 is yet to be announced), and will be by ballot at regular polling locations or by absentee ballot.

Candidates for Council positions must be registered voters within the boundaries of the Lakeside planning area as defined in the Lakeside Neighborhood Plan. The boundaries are:

- Spring Creek Road to the north
- Lake County border to the south
- Flathead Lake to the east
- US Forest Service Lands to the west

. To apply for nomination and put their name officially on the May election ballot, a candidate, including incumbents who may desire to serve another term, must:

- 1) Complete a **Declaration of Nomination and Oath of Office** form, supplying all information requested, and
- 2) Have at least 5 people sign an **Affidavit of Signature Gatherer** form. The signature collector for this Affidavit should be someone other than the candidate himself/herself and the signature collector must sign this affidavit. Those who sign the Affidavit in support of the candidate must give their local physical address and be registered voters in the Lakeside planning area. The Flathead County Election Services Manager will verify the signatures when candidate(s) file the Affidavit in the Election Department. The signature collector should ask if those signing the affidavit are registered voters and are advised to collect a few more than the minimum of 5 signatures in case the county cannot verify their voter registration status and address.

The timeframe for filing for candidacy usually begins in **December** (2011 date is yet to be set) and the above completed forms must be submitted to the Department of Elections (800 S. Main Street in Kalispell), **by a deadline date in February** (2012 date is yet to be set). The Election Department will verify that the candidate and those signing the Affidavit are, in fact, registered voters in our area. The forms can be obtained from the Elections Department website http://flathead.mt.gov/election/filing_dates.php .

Since there are two seats opening, an election will be held only if there are more than two candidates filing valid election forms. If only two candidates file, no election will be held and the two candidates will fill the open seats. If none or only one candidate files, any positions left open will be appointed by the County Commissioners, based on letters of interest/resumes submitted. Commissioners will also consider any recommendations from the existing Community Council.

LAKESIDE COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT
TABLE OF RATES AND FEES

Effective January 1, 2011

MONTHLY RATES:

("Sewer" Appendix "B") <u>SEWER</u>		<u>WATER</u> ("Water" Exhibit "B")	
<u>Flat Rate</u>	\$40.00	Not Applicable	
<u>Metered:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	
Irrigation Rate (meter size)	NA	\$5.00	
5/8 & 3/4"	\$26.00	\$20.75	
1	\$46.80	\$37.35	
1 1/2	\$104.00	\$83.00	
2	\$184.60	\$147.33	
2 1/2	\$288.60	\$230.33	
3	\$416.00	\$332.00	
4	\$738.40	\$589.30	
Greater than 4", calculate as required		Greater than 4", calculate as required	
<u>Usage Rate:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>	
\$ per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.00	\$1.79	

PLANT INVESTMENT FEES:

<u>SEWER</u>			<u>WATER</u>		
<u>Reserved Capacity</u>					
(within boundaries of original sewer district)					
<u>Meter Size</u>					
5/8 & 3/4"	\$1,799			\$1,993	
1	\$3,237			\$3,587	
1 1/2	\$7,195			\$7,972	
2	\$12,770			\$14,150	
2 1/2	\$19,965			\$22,122	
3	\$28,778			\$31,888	
4	\$51,081			\$56,601	
Greater than 4", calculate as required				Greater than 4", calculate as required	

Expanded Capacity *not in orig dist.*
(out-of-district & over density)

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Not Applicable</u>
5/8 & 3/4"	\$3,597	
1	\$6,475	
1 1/2	\$14,389	
2	\$25,541	
3	\$57,557	
Greater than 3", calculate as required		

Permit / Inspection Fee

<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER</u>
\$100.00	\$100.00

TROUTBECK, SHELTER COVE HOOK-UP FEES -
For LE #1 and LE #2 1-1-11

	WATER	SEWER
Permit	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
PIF Fees	\$ 1,155.00	\$1,799.00
Water Meter	\$ 275.00	
Totals	\$1,530.00	\$1,899.00

GRAND TOTAL \$3,429.00

Minimum Bill \$11.99 Water as of 8/1/09
Troutbeck & \$26.00 Sewer
LE & Spurwing \$37.99

SPURWING, SPURWING CREEKSIDE & LE 3-5
HOOK-UP FEES 1-1-11

	WATER	SEWER
Permit	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
PIF Fees	\$1,155.00	\$3,597.00
Water Meter	\$ 275.00	
Totals	\$1,530.00	\$3,697.00

GRAND TOTAL \$5,227.00

Minimum Bill \$20.00 Water as of 7/1/10
Cherry Hills \$26.00 Sewer
 \$46.00

Minimum Bill \$20.75 Water
Lakeside \$26.00 Sewer
 \$46.75

CHERRY HILLS HOOK-UP FEES
1-1-11

	SEWER
Permit	\$ 100.00
PIF Fees	\$1,799.00
Water Meter	\$ 275.00
Totals	\$2,174.00

Dee's / Misc / Hook-Up Fees Troutbeck, Etc. Table / 10-19-11

WATER HARDNESS

Total	223-247
Grains/Gal.	13-14
One Grain/Gal.	17.1 mg/Liter
PH	8.2